

PENTAGON TO BACK CENSORSHIP ROLE

Will Stand Firm at Inquiry
on 'Muzzling' the Military

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Faced with Senate hearings on charges of "muzzling," Pentagon officials are planning to stand firm on their power to censor speeches and articles by military men.

The civilian leadership will also call attention to plans for new procedures and policies in troop indoctrination, including basic instruction in the threat of communism in various forms.

Aware of charges that the Administration has been "soft on communism," the Pentagon officials will outline steps they have already taken to provide materials on this subject for troop information and education.

Senator Strom Thurmond, Democrat of South Carolina, issued today a lengthy written attack on the Pentagon's public affairs policies. The Senator's articles were made available to all news media.

Senator Thurmond's articles constituted in effect a summary of the charges that prompted the investigation. The inquiry will be headed by Senator John Stennis, Democrat of Mississippi, chairman of a special subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee. Public hearings are scheduled to begin Jan. 14.

Senator Thurmond accused

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